

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Cannabis Cultivator
Other Known Title:	Cannabis Cultivator: A Step-By-Step Guide To Growing Marijuana
Format:	Book
Director/Author:	Jeff Ditchfield
Producer/Publisher:	Collins & Brown
Country of Origin:	UK
Language:	English
Applicant:	Comptroller of Customs
Distributor:	Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
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Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Excisions:	Not Applicable
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Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The book *Cannabis Cultivator* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The classification is based on the extent and degree to which the book encourages criminal activity, namely the cultivation, possession and use of cannabis.

Cannabis Cultivator is subtitled *A Step-By-Step Guide To Growing Marijuana* and is an instruction manual addressed to, and intended for, the home grower of cannabis. The book provides comprehensive and practical information on the setting up and use of indoor growing facilities, including material on breeding and harvesting the cannabis plant. The information is presented in accessible, step-by-step form with every process illustrated clearly in colour photographs. The material is designed to persuade the reader of the viability of the project and contains a number of encouraging statements referring to the prospect of using the end product. By contrast, the space given to the political or legal context of the activities described is limited.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act). Section 14 of the NZBR Act states that everyone has "the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form". However, the extent and degree to which the book encourages criminal activity render its availability likely to be injurious to the public good. In the light of this consideration the classification is a reasonable and justified limitation of the right to freedom of expression.